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To: Coleman, Sam
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Subject: Re: Hydraulic Fracturing State Engagement - Texas Visit

Thanks Sam!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 23, 2014, at 1:58 PM, "Coleman, Sam" <Coleman.Sam@epa.gov> wrote:

We are trying to plan a Technical meeting with State Agencies in TX to discuss the ORD Hydraulic Fracturing Study. Someone in your Offices may have been contacted by Lisa Matthews from EPA ORD to discuss dates and logistics. My understanding is that this was discussed at the last ECOS meeting and more recently at the IOGCC meeting. I wanted to follow up to assure that we are moving forward meeting planning. Let me know if you have any questions.

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Dear Robin:

Per your conversation with Lisa Matthews earlier today, I'm following up regarding in-person meetings US EPA is conducting with various states to share information about our hydraulic fracturing drinking water study (www.epa.gov/hfstudy). Ramona Trovato, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of Research and Development, and I would like to meet with the Texas Railroad Commission, Dr. Bryan Shaw of TCEQ, and the Texas Department of State Health Services to share information on the study, focusing in particular on our Well File Review analysis project, and to learn from you about your experiences working on hydraulic fracturing. Our target window for this visit is June 6 or 20 in Austin. We would like to schedule a 1.5-2 hour meeting based on availability. Attached is a sample agenda for our state meetings.

At the request of Congress, EPA is conducting a study to better understand any potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas on drinking water resources. The scope of the research includes the

full lifespan of water in hydraulic fracturing. The [progress report](#) was released in December 2012 and a draft assessment report is expected to be released for public comment and peer review in late 2014. The assessment will have draft conclusions for peer review that rely on the synthesis of findings from the study's projects and a literature review. EPA has hosted a series of technical roundtables and workshops with experts to inform the study. EPA has also asked all stakeholders to provide relevant, up to date information for inclusion in the study, to ensure that the report reflects current industry practices and technology.

EPA appreciates working with states and other stakeholders to understand and address potential concerns with hydraulic fracturing so the public has confidence that natural gas production will proceed in a safe and responsible manner. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you very much,

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